

SITUATION REPORT NO. 32
INCIDENT NO. 97-003
DATE: February 19, 1997 TIME: 12:00 p.m.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Winter storms and blizzard conditions statewide.
2. DEATH AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES COMMITTED:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The N.D. National Guard plans on concluding its extensive snow removal efforts by February 21. As missions are completed and requests for assistance are met, the number of personnel has decreased to 54. They are staffing nine missions in seven counties, Barnes, Dickey, Eddy, Griggs, LaMoure, Ransom, and Stutsman. Equipment in operation includes 29 dozers, 28 tractor-trailers, 24 support vehicles, two graders and one loader.

Representatives of the National Guard, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer are scheduled to meet on February 19 with officials at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. Meeting topics include reimbursement procedures and a review of snow removal operations.

Members of the State Hazard Mitigation Team met February 18 to discuss measures to mitigate damages that could occur during winter storms and floods. Participants included the N.D. Division of Emergency Management, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, N.D. Aeronautics Commission, N.D. Forest Service, N.D. National Guard, N.D. Parks and Recreation Department, N.D. Department of Transportation, State Radio Communications, Civil Air Patrol, N.D. Department of Health and N.D. Game and Fish Department.

The North Dakota Conference of Churches met on February 18, and is researching the formation of a Disaster Unmet Needs Committee to help disaster victims whose needs are

not met by other agencies.

Local and state governments have submitted a total of 247 Notice of Interests (NOIs) to participate in the public assistance program. The Disaster Field Office (DFO) staff has received NOIs from: one rural water district, four state agencies, three Indian Reservations, 49 counties and 190 counties. Of the state's 53 counties, 39 have indicated that all NOIs have been submitted for their counties.

State and federal inspectors are meeting with local officials to develop Damage Survey Reports. To date, the Devils Lake inspectors have met with 10 counties and 26 cities; the Valley City officials met with 10 counties and 26 cities; Minot inspectors met with 12 counties and 18 cities; and Bismarck inspectors met with 11 counties and 35 cities.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: The National Weather Service expects North Dakota to be partly to mostly cloudy and breezy west with a chance of rain or snow in the afternoon. Partly sunny and becoming windy east. High in the mid 20s east to near 45 southwest.

The N.D. Division of Emergency Management's Situation Reports and photos of snow removal efforts are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is: "<http://www.state.nd.us/dem>".

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